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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Cotton Sweaters Containing Certain  
Open-End Spun Yarns (Investigation No. 332-458-022)

The U.S. International Trade Commission initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on cotton sweaters containing certain open-end spun yarns. The petition states that the yarns are colored open-end spun yarns ranging in size from 6/1 to 18/1 English count (10.16/1 to 30.47/1 metric) and made of a blend of reclaimed and reprocessed cotton fiber and fiber-dyed acrylic staple fiber. The yarns are classified in HTS subheading 5206.11.00 (HTS statistical reporting number 5206.11.0000) and HTS subheading 5206.12.00 (statistical reporting numbers 5206.12.000). Further information on the petition is available on the website of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr2004/comav34.htm>

The petition was filed on behalf of Bernette Textile Co., LLC of New York, NY, by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on October 12, 2004. The petition alleges that the yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will provide probable economic effects advice in the review for the certain colored open-end spun yarns under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics or yarns, regardless of the source of such inputs, should CITA determine that the fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission plans to submit its advice for this review in a classified report to USTR by November 23, 2004. The Commission will issue a public version of the review soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by November 9, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Information on this review may be obtained from Laura V. Rodriguez (202-205-3499); [laura.rodriguez@usitc.gov](mailto:laura.rodriguez@usitc.gov). Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from Ms. Jones and from its website at [www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm). Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>